



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Steven S. Carroll, et al
Serial No. : 10/517,295 Case No.: 21122YP
Filed : 12/7/2004
For : NUCLEOSIDE DERIVATIVES AS INHIBITORS OF
RNA-DEPENDENT RNA VIRAL POLYMERASE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

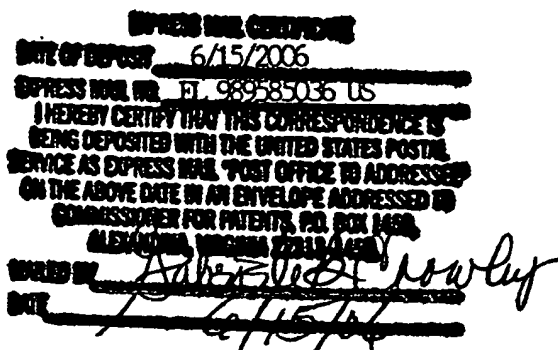
RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the U.S. Designated/ Elected Office, mailed February 15, 2006, a copy of which is attached hereto, enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the inventors.

Enclosed herewith is a Fee Transmittal form authorizing payment of the \$130.00 surcharge. If there are any deficiencies, please also charge these to Merck Deposit Account number 13-2755.

08/03/2006 KMCLEAN1 00000001 132755 10517295
01 FC:1617 130.00 DA

Respectfully submitted,



By Philippe L. Durette
Philippe L. Durette
Reg. No. 35,125
Attorney Adjustment date: 08/03/2006 KMCLEAN1 00000006 132755 10517295
02 FC:1051 130.00 CR
MERCK & CO., Inc.
P.O. Box 2000
Rahway, New Jersey 07065-0907
(732) 594-4568

Date: June 15, 2006

06/19/2006 KAHMED1 00000006 132755 10517295
02 FC:1051 130.00 DA

BEST AVAILABLE COPY